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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications dated December 11, 2001 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 11, 2002 A check in the amount of \$720.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-615 (CURA-115). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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